



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-17, 1600 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-17 by 1600 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- A review of social media showed no posts of concern for any of the bridges in the Niagara Region.
- There continues to be less online discussion about the blockade in Windsor, with most attention being focused on Ottawa.
- Organizers are promoting a protest on Saturday (2022-02-19) at the Windsor Riverfront at 1400 hours; several noted protestors have signalled their intention to participate.
- Communication practices by the protestors continue to evolve, with the possibility that more organizers have shifted to platforms that are not passively observable.

NIAGARA REGION

There is little discussion of planned activity at any of the POEs in Niagara. A few social media posts mention residents leaving the Niagara area to join protestors in Ottawa for this weekend, but they do not mention any concrete plans or suggest being organized in any manner.ⁱ One post said the organizer from last weekend's protest at the Peace Bridge had left the Niagara area to offer support in Ottawa.ⁱⁱ

Peace Bridge/ Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

WINDSOR

There continues to be less online discussion about the blockade in Windsor, with most attention being focused on Ottawa. Some Windsor protestors appear to have travelled to Ottawa, including Facebook user “**Personal Info.**” who participated in the Windsor blockade and has been posting livestreams from the Ottawa (Figure 1).ⁱⁱⁱ

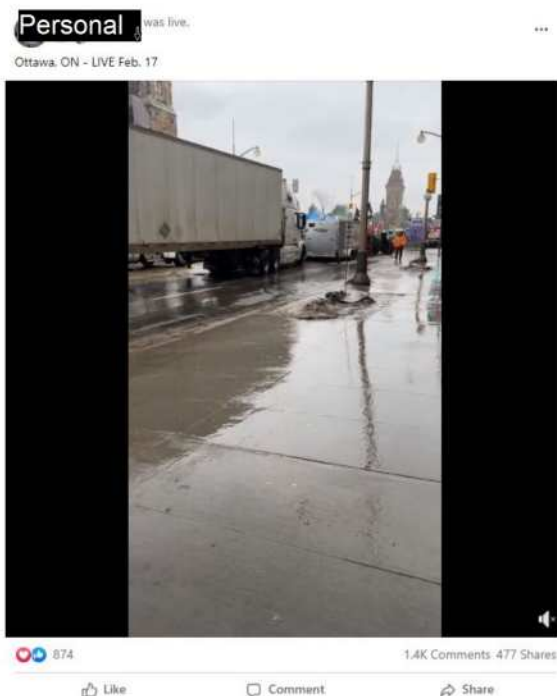


Figure 1: **Personal Info.** Facebook Post^{iv}

Organizers are promoting a protest on Saturday (2022-02-19) at the Windsor Riverfront at 1400 hours. Several noted protestors have signalled their intention to participate in Saturday's protest, including @**Personal Info.** (believed to be **Personal Info.**) who shared a poster advertising for the upcoming demonstration.^v Facebook user “**Personal Info.**” who was trying to organize “a peaceful protest at 9733 tecumseh road east” (office of local MP) also shared a poster advertising the protest, suggesting that she may be planning to attend.^{vi} **Personal Info.** another prominent protest supporter and live-streamer announced on Facebook that he plans on attending (Figure 2). Comments on his post suggest a number of his Facebook contacts may also join.^{vii}



Figure 2: **Personal Info.** Facebook Post^{viii}

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Communication practices by the protestors continue to evolve, with the possibility that more organizers have shifted to platforms that are not passively observable. One of the moderators of the Facebook group "Windsor Slowdown to support the Ottawa Convoy" posted a user guide to Telegram (Figure 3).^{ix}

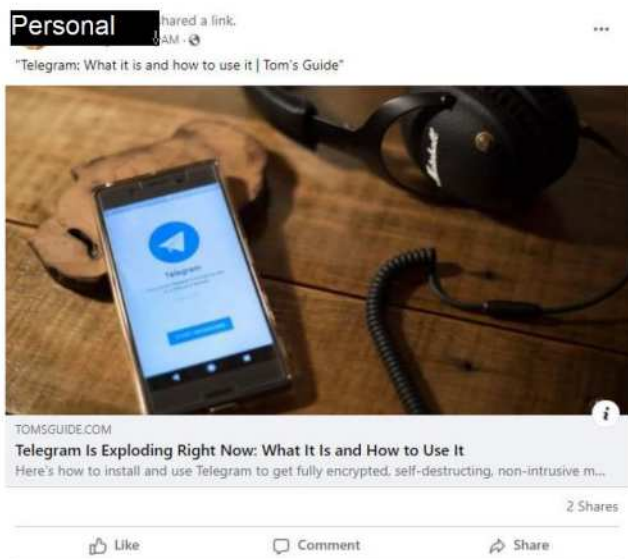


Figure 3: Post in Facebook Group "Windsor Slowdown to support the Ottawa Convoy"^{ix}

SARNIA

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

LIIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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ⁱ [U] Twitter post from @brushfire53. twitter.com/brushfire53/status/1494327701531860997, accessed 2022-02-17.

ⁱⁱ [U] Facebook Group Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/653566695959635/>, accessed 2022-02-17.

ⁱⁱⁱ [U] Facebook account for "Personal Info." accessed 2022-02-17.

^{iv} [U] Facebook account for "Personal Info." accessed 2022-02-17.

^v [PROT A] CIP-2022-6057-IB, "Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-16, 2000 hours," 2022-02-16.

^{vi} [U] Facebook post from "Personal Info."

^{vii} [U] Facebook post from "Personal Info."

accessed 2022-02-17.

^{viii} [U] Facebook post from "Personal Info."

accessed 2022-02-17.

^{ix} [U] Facebook posts in group "Windsor Slowdown to support the Ottawa Convoy," www.facebook.com/256949072340529, accessed 2022-02-17.

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